Youths cheated with false promises of jobs in Gulf Countries

3477. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that many youths seeking jobs abroad are cheated by persons, offering false promises of jobs in foreign countries especially in Gulf countries and extracting money from them;

(b) if so, how many such cases are reported from Kerala during the last five years;

(c) the steps taken to rescue the poor victims from the tentacles of these new mafiyas; and

(d) will Government stop such private transactions and develop a new department to find out the job opportunities and helping the aspirants to get it surely on a reasonable fee?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (c) Such complaints are received from time to time. Depending on the nature of the complaints, these are inquired into, if necessary, with the help of Police and the concerned Indian mission abroad. Appropriate action against guilty persons is taken under the Emigration Act, 1983.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Survey in the border areas of Punjab to set up small scale cotton industry

3478. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in the border areas of the Punjab State for setting up of small scale cotton industries in the interest of the unemployed youths;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The primary responsibility for development of Small Scale Industry rests with the State Governments. The Central Government also supplements these efforts through various schemes.

(d) The following steps have been taken by the Govt. to create and generate employment.

(i) To provide self-employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth in the country, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana has been launched in the year 1993-94. The scheme is designed to provide employment to more than a million persons by setting up of 7 lakh micro enter-prises by the end of 8th Five Year Plan.

(ii) Integrated Infrastructure Development Scheme has been launched in March, 1994 to augment infrastructural facilities in rural and backward areas with special emphasis on linkages between agriculture and industry. The scheme envisages setting up of 50 Integrated Infrastructure Development Centres in the country during 8th Five Year Plan. One such project has also been sanctioned for State of Punjab at Village Dhanchala of Jhans Block Tanda Block Hoshiarpur on 23.11.94 at an estimated cost of Rs. 305 lakh, out of which Rs. 122 lakhs is the grant from Government of India and Rs. 183 lakhs is the loan from SIDBI. Work on the project is in progress and it is likely to be completed by next year.

(iii) To improve the skills of entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurship Development Programmes are being conducted through the network of Small Industries Service Institutes/Branch Institutes in the country.

(iv) Implementation of 7 Point Action Plan for improving the flow of credit to Small Scale Sector.

(v) Equity type support to the entrepreneurs is being extended through the National Equity Fund Scheme of Small Industries Development Bank of India. The scope of the scheme has been expanded in 1995-96 to cover large sections of Small Scale Industries.

(vi) Technical support through guidance, workshop, testing, tool room and product-cum-process development facilities is being provided through the network of institutions and associated agencies created for them.

Coal mine PF Commissioners office at Kothagudem

3479. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that representation have been made on the inefficient functioning of the Coal Mines Provident Fund Commissioners Office at Kothagudem in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of such representations; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to improve the attitude of the authorities concerned and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Representations have been received from Office bearers of staff associations regarding delays in refund claims, approval of House Building Advances, non-supply of Marriage Advance Forms and non-conducting of Coordination Committee Meetings etc.

(c) The CMPF Commissioner has reviewed the pendency and has come to the conclusion that the pendencies are not at the level indicated in the representations. The delay in settlement of HBA cases have been due to submission of incomplete applications without Conversion Certificate of the Land from competent Authority. This review has also indicated that 130 Marriage Advance Claims Forms were distributed in Yellandu area during the period January to July, 1996. Coordination Committee Meetings were held on 29.12.1995 at Mangur on 22.1.1996 at Yellandu and on 23.2.96 at kothagudem respectively. The receipt and submission of various types of claims is a continuous process and the Assistant Commissioner-Incharge of the Regional Office at Kothagudem has been advised to review the pending claims and dispose of the same at the earliest.

औद्योगिक प्रतिष्ठानों में होने वाली दुर्घटनाओं तथा प्रभावित मजदूरों को दिया जाने वाला मुआवजा

3480. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात के बड़े/मंझौले औद्योगिक प्रतिष्ठानों में हुई भीषण दुर्घटनाओं का अद्यतन ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या सरकार और संबंधित औद्योगिक प्रतिष्ठानों ने प्रभावित मजदूरों तथा अन्य कर्मियों को उचित और पर्याप्त मुआवजा दिया है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने राज्य में औद्योगिक प्रतिष्ठानों को पर्याप्त सुरक्षा उपाय करने और इस प्रकार की दुर्घटनाओं की पुनरावृत्ति को रोकने के लिए कोई निदेश जारी किए हैं और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कितने औद्योगिक प्रतिष्ठानों ने इस प्रकार के कुछ सुरक्षा उपाय अपनाये हैं और उसके क्या परिणाम निकले हैं?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री एम० अरूणाचलम): (क) राज्य सरकार से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार पिछले तीन वर्षों के